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Applicants:

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PROGRAMMING METHOD OF NONVOLATILE

SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

**Commissioner For Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Washington, D.C. 20231

October 29, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within a thirdmonth time period subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed April 29, 2004. A credit card payment form in the amount of \$980.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 520.39222CV2) and any excess fees credited to that account.

Respectfully submitted,

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